

# The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

## "Living Hall of Fame" To Be a Feature of 2d Annual Convention of Disabled Veterans of World War

## Governor of Each State to Aid in Naming Its Greatest Hero as Representative at San Francisco Meeting

A "living hall of fame," with every state in the Union represented by its "greatest hero" of the World War, is one of the contemplated features for the second annual national convention of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, to take place in San Francisco, June 26 to 30 inclusive. Invitations have been sent to the Governor of every state, requesting that its "greatest hero" of the war be designated to head the delegations from the respective states. Twenty thousand visiting disabled veterans are expected, representing the eight hundred chapters of the organization, which has a national membership of 100,000. Throughout the United States Governors will shortly arrange for the selection of the "greatest heroes." The cooperation of Disabled American Veterans' chapter officials, American Legion post commanders, city Mayors and town committees will be enlisted in every state to decide on the "greatest hero."

Convention headquarters already have been opened at the St. Francis Hotel here, where Herbert V. Coffey, chairman of the convention committee, and a corps of workers are busily engaged in the preliminary arrangements. Numerous sub-committees are functioning, taking care of incoming inquiries and requests from all parts of the United States for data relative to the big convention, which local civic officials and prominent citizens assert will bear out San Francisco's world-wide reputation of "knowing how."

### Glenwood Landing Post Dance

Under the direction of Glenwood Landing Post of Glenwood Landing, L. I., a vaudeville show and dance will be held on the night of April 29 at Karatony's Hotel, for the benefit of the Veterans' Mountain Camp. The post is one of the most active on Long Island and its auxiliary is among the hardest workers. The members of the auxiliary are co-operating with the veterans in conducting the event. It is proposed to raise \$250 with which to construct a log lean-to at the Mountain Camp.

The officers are Raymond C. Groll, commander; Ira Smith, vice-commander; Adelbert Mott, finance officer; Charles Larsen, adjutant; and Harry Tappen, post historian. The auxiliary officers are Miss Lillian Hahn, president; Miss George Letourrette, vice-president; Miss Elizabeth Tappen, secretary, and Mrs. R. Letourrette, treasurer.

**Activities of Bay Ridge Post**  
Bay Ridge Post will hold its third annual ball at Stuebel's, Coney Island, on the night of April 28. The committee in charge have reported that it will be one of the biggest events ever held by the post.

Weekly dances are held by the post on Thursday evenings. The music is by the post orchestra. The post is conducting a membership campaign and the team bringing in the most members by May 1 will be awarded a prize. A baseball team will open its season on April 30. The clubhouse, at 6702 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, is open to all ex-service men.

**Auxiliary Chairman Speaks**  
Miss Thuis Magrane, the state chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Assemblyman E. Frazer Davidson recently attended a joint meeting of James F. Brengle Post and its auxiliary at Sea Cliff, L. I. The meeting was the outcome of a membership drive, which resulted in both organizations almost doubling their paid membership.

**Commissioner Coker Will Speak**  
Bird S. Coker, Commissioner of Public Welfare, will address the members

of the National Federated Workers for Disabled Soldiers, Inc. This evening at the Hotel Pennsylvania. He will speak on "The Tubercular Patients at Sea View Hospital." Evelyn M. Goldsmith is president of the organization and Marguerite Luttrell, secretary.

**Poppies To Be Sold for Camp**  
The state executive committee has adopted this resolution: "Resolved, That the American Legion, Department of New York, advocate the sale by the posts and auxiliaries of throughout the state of poppies on Memorial Day, May 30, 1922, for the purpose of raising funds for the Veterans' Mountain Camp, established by the American Legion at Big Upper Lake, N. Y. Be it further resolved, That said sale be conducted under the direction of a finance committee appointed by the department commander."

**Will Speak On "Congress in Action"**  
Riverside Post, 51, of the American Legion, will hold its next monthly dinner and dance at the Cafe Savarin, in the Equitable Building, at 7 o'clock on Thursday evening, April 27. Congressman Walter M. Chandler has accepted an invitation to talk on "Congress in Action." At the last dinner-dance nearly one hundred members of the post and a large number of guests were present, and a much larger attendance is expected on April 27. Tickets can be obtained from Harry Gerardi, 111 Broadway.

**New York County Dance**  
Evening in Regainers for the dance to be given by the New York County American Legion in the 32d Regiment Armory, Park Avenue and Sixty-sixth Street, next Saturday night, the various posts of the command that have chartered boxes have been requested to have a delegate present at the armory with the post colors on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock to take part in the drawing for boxes. Lester M. Brown, chairman of the entertainment committee, has made a special request that the delegates be there with the colors.

**Contributors to Mountain Camp**  
Recent contributions to the fund being raised for the Veterans' Mountain Camp include the following: Theatre Assembly, \$15,000; American Legion Auxiliaries, Fair Rockaway, \$250; Mr. Harry Hargrave, Elmhurst, \$250; Auxiliary of Clinton Street Post, \$250; A. B. Pouch, through the Richmond borough committee, \$2,000 toward the endowment; Parker Haight Post, \$250.

## Flies 190 Miles an Hour

### Captain Muleahy of Marines News Record at Mineola

Captain Francis P. Muleahy of the Marine Corps made time in his over a kilometer course at Cortis Field, Mineola, L. I., yesterday with the Thomas-Morse W-7 monoplane racer. The fastest time was 190 miles an hour, which Captain Muleahy succeeded in making twice. The world's record is 203 miles and was made in France. The plane weighs slightly more than 1,600 pounds and is equipped with a 400-horsepower Hispano motor. The test was observed by the navy by Lieutenants J. H. Strong, K. Schmidt and Charles Wallis, who timed the monoplane from the ground. As a result of the test a new propeller and lighter wheels may be put on the plane.

## Ship Board Opens Rail Rate Hearing To-morrow

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Hearings on Section 23 of the merchant marine act of 1920, permitting railroads to make preferential rates with American ships from seaports of the United States to and from foreign ports, will open in Boston Friday, the Shipping Board announced today.

The Shipping Board's committee, which will determine whether or not conditions now obtain which make Section 23 operative, is composed of Commissioner Frederick L. Thompson, of Alabama, chairman; Rear Admiral William S. Benson, U. S. N., retired, and Commissioner George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon. They will leave Washington tonight for Boston, where they will make an investigation of the port to-morrow. The New York hearings will begin Monday.

## Ex-Frolic Girl, Prize Beauty, Takes Poison

## Helen L. Worthing, Dropped After Recent Fight With Actress in Theater, Sent to Bellevue in Collapse

## Mistake, She Declares

## Says She Took Tablets for Headache; in 1919 Called "Most Beautiful Woman"

Helen Lee Worthing, twenty-two years old, who was declared three years ago by two well known artists to be America's most beautiful woman and was recently one of the beauties in Ziegfeld's "Midnight Rites," was removed to Bellevue Hospital yesterday from her home, at 63 West Fifty-sixth Street, suffering from bichloride of mercury poisoning.

When her father telephoned from his home in Boston last night he was told by an attendant at the hospital that Miss Worthing's condition was serious, but that she probably would recover.

When Miss Worthing remained conscious in Bellevue she told doctors that she had taken the tablets by mistake for aspirin.

Friends of the young actress on learning of her condition recalled that when she last had been reported over leaving the "Midnight Rites" and the publication of an account of a quarrel which she had several weeks ago with another actress in the dressing room of the New Amsterdam Theater.

According to this account, differences between the actresses culminated when the two met in the dressing room at the conclusion of a performance of the "Midnight Rites." The two young women finally were separated by a third actress after they had beaten, scratched and kicked each other. Shortly after this encounter Miss Worthing left the company.

Miss Worthing was said to have

taken an unusual interest in her stage work and brooded over giving it up. Yesterday morning, according to her maid, she complained of suffering from a severe headache and expressed the intention of taking some medicine. She entered the bathroom, where she was found on the floor later in extreme pain. A physician living in the apartment house was summoned and administered an antidote. Shortly after an ambulance surgeon arrived from Bellevue Hospital.

## Legion's Head Appeals For Army of 150,000

## MacNider Tells Senator House Reduction Is Step Toward Undermining Military Policy

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Declaring the House reduction in the army appropriation bill "is the first step toward undermining our splendid military policy," the American Legion, through Hanford MacNider, its national commander, formally put before the Senate Appropriations Committee today an appeal for an army of 150,000 men.

"We insist that appropriations adequate for a continuation of the development of the army of the United States shall be made," said Mr. MacNider. "It must continue on a sound and efficient basis."

The Legion believed, Mr. MacNider declared, that its position "was supported back home."

The Legion desired particularly that there be an increase in the appropriation for the National Guard over that allowed by the House. Mr. MacNider said, and added that consideration must be given the "first line of our citizen army, for it summer training."

## Weeks May Visit Japan

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Secretary Weeks said today he hoped to pay a national commander, formally put before the summer of 1922, possible for him to make the trip to Japan for the annual reunion of his class of the Naval Academy. The class reunion is to be held in Tokyo and the institution of Admiral Uriu, of the Japanese navy who was graduated at Annapolis in 1881.

## Moses, in Talk To Women, Hits Direct Primary

## New Hampshire Senator Also Blames Popular Election To Upper Branch for Deterioration in Congress

Senator George H. Moses, of New Hampshire, addressed an audience of women yesterday afternoon at the residence of Otto H. Kahn, 1100 Fifth Avenue. Senator Moses was invited to New York by the Committee of American Business Men, of which Mr. Kahn is a member.

Senator Moses declared that direct primary systems in various states and the popular election of United States Senators had resulted in a marked deterioration in the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate vote on the soldiers' bonus, Senator Moses said, was an illustration. Most of those who voted for the bill, he charged, did so with the next election in view. Had they not had their eyes on the ballot box, he declared, they would have voted the measure down.

Most of the radical measures that may lead to excessive centralization of authority in the Federal government could be laid to the same cause, he said. It costs a million dollars to supervise the expenditure of \$485,000 under the maternity bill, he told the audience. Five-cent cost-funds were fixed and enforced by local commissions, he declared, regardless of the size of the investment involved or the rights of those who made it. There could be no return to normalcy, he declared, so long as such extravagant propositions, with the resulting heavy taxation to pay for them, were maintained.

Six thrifty and enterprising Eastern states, he said, are paying 62 per cent of the Federal taxes. New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts together paid 42 per cent, the Senator averred.

There is not a single farmer in the "agricultural bloc," Senator Moses said, but there are nineteen lawyers, one editor, a well-dresser and a manufacturer of sewing pipe. This group "is writing its will into the statutes."

simply because it is organized and persistent, he declared.

Senator Moses closed his address by urging the women voters to work actively and to "terrorize" their Congressmen, if need be.

At the time of their death, it was said that the twins possessed a large fortune, both in America and Bohemia, their home.

## Battleship Maine Is Towed to Her Graveyard

PHILADELPHIA, April 19.—The obsolete battleship Maine, named after the ship whose sinking in Havana Harbor precipitated the Spanish American War, was towed to her graveyard today. The former pride of the navy, built two decades ago at a cost of several million dollars, is at the yards of a commercial firm which will scrap it and convert the huge armor plates to industrial needs.

Tugs early today towed the steel hulk from the Philadelphia Navy Yard up the Delaware River while hundreds of persons, who twenty years ago saw its construction, looked on. The ship was sold recently at auction as junk for less than \$100,000.

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## Religious Firebug Sought as Burner of Catholic Churches

MONTREAL, April 19.—Police today redoubled their search for a religious pyromaniac following the burning last night of the historic Notre Dame convent here, the third important Catholic edifice in Canada to be destroyed in less than a month.

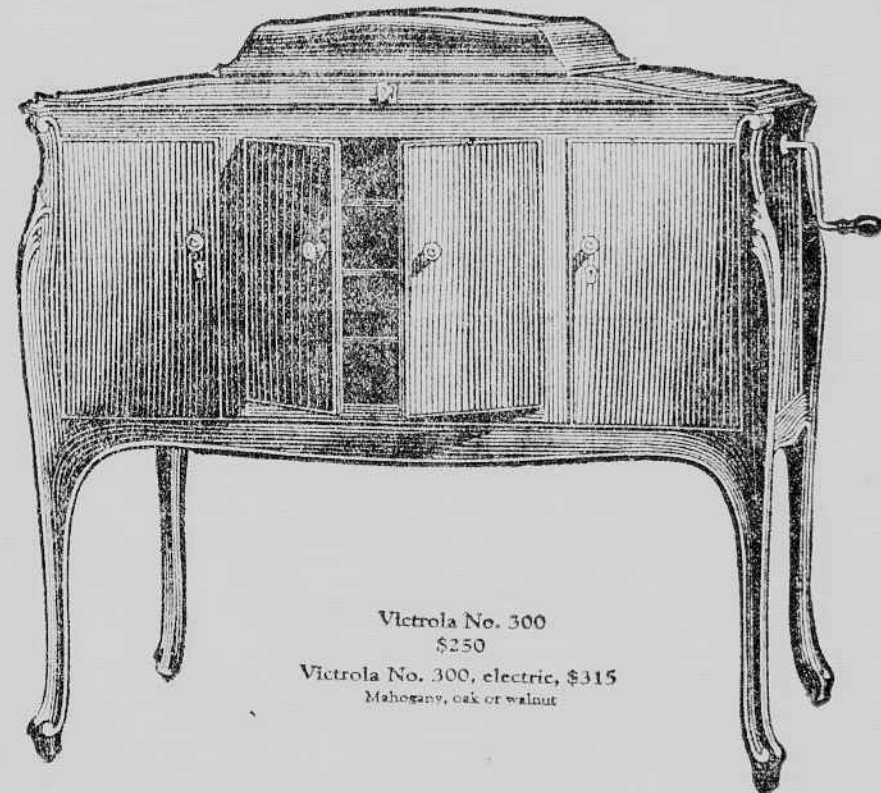
The trail of the suspect first was crossed April 14, when a fireman fighting a conflagration which destroyed the Church of the Sacred Heart here, with a loss of \$500,000, heard a man in the crowd of spectators exclaim:

"St. Bridget's will be the next and then I will get the rest!"

The man escaped, but an investigation at that time convinced the police a scientific firebug, specializing in crossed electric wires, had caused the Church of the Sacred Heart fire, as well as that a week earlier housing the famous shrine of Ste. Anne, which was known as "the Lourdes of America."

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